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Hay Stocks

Nevada: All hay stored on Nevada farms was estimated at 46,000 tons as of May 1, 2011, down from 310,000 last year, as well as down from the 170,000 tons in 2009. Disappearance from December 1, 2010-May 1, 2011 totaled 773 thousand tons, compared with 702 thousand tons for the same period a year ago.

United States: Nationally, all hay stored on farms May 1, 2011 totaled 22.2 million tons, up 6 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2010-May 1, 2011 totaled 79.9 million tons, compared with 86.3 million tons for the same period a year ago. Stocks on hand were down throughout much of the western half of the United States and along the Atlantic Coast. Lingering winter weather conditions in many western States forced producers to feed livestock longer into the spring months. Overall, the largest percentage declines occurred in California, Idaho, and Nevada. Stocks in the seven western states (AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, UT, and WA) totaled 1.3 million tons on May 1, 2011, 48.5 percent below last year.

Hay Stocks on Farms – Select States and United States: December 1 and May 1, 2009-2011

State	December 1		May 1	
	2009	2010	2010	2011
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Arizona	500	365	60	40
California	2,400	1,850	432	160
Idaho	2,750	2,300	775	280
Nevada	1,012	819	310	46
Oregon	2,200	2,100	420	280
Utah	1,330	1,050	245	144
Washington	1,418	1,607	280	350
Western States	11,610	10,091	2,522	1,300
United States	107,222	102,134	20,931	22,217

May Weather Summary

Winds continued to blow throughout the month as cold low pressure storm systems crossed the State. These systems brought strong winds, cool temperatures, rain and some snow. Temperatures ranged from 2.0 to 6.1 degrees below normal for the month. Las Vegas recorded the monthly high at 96 degrees while Ely only reached a high of 76 degrees. Ely also recorded the lowest temperature of the month at 16 degrees. All weather stations recorded some precipitation. Ely recorded the most precipitation with 2.67 inches. Crop and forage growth was slowed due to the cold conditions. Pasture and range conditions were fair to good due to cold weather slowing growth. Spring planted grains began to emerge. Potato and onion planting was well underway. Livestock were being moved to spring grazing lands. Main farm and ranch activities: planting, fertilizing, ditch burning, irrigating, branding, weed and insect control, and equipment maintenance.

Weather data for stations in Nevada: May 2011

Station	Temperature (°F)				Precipitation (inches)		
	Monthly Avg.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	Monthly Total	Departure from Normal	Greatest 24 Hour
Reno	54.4	-2.0	85	29	0.40	-0.22	0.18
Elko	49.1	-3.6	78	23	1.79	+0.71	0.88
Ely	46.6	-3.8	76	16	2.67	+1.38	1.14
Winnemucca	49.1	-6.1	81	20	1.45	+0.39	0.53
Eureka	47.6	-2.7	79	17	2.00	+0.72	0.84
Tonopah	53.3	-4.7	81	28	0.36	-0.26	0.12
Las Vegas	72.0	-3.4	96	51	0.01	-0.23	0.01

Hay Prices

Nevada: Hay prices for May were up for all hay and alfalfa hay. Prices were unchanged from April for all other hay. The all hay price, at \$164.00 per ton, is up \$4.00 from April and up \$71.00 from last May. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$165.00 per ton, up \$5.00 from April and up \$72.00 from a year ago. All other hay, at \$135.00 per ton, is unchanged from April and up \$43.00 from a year ago.

United States: On the national level for May, prices were up from April for all hay, alfalfa hay, and all other hay. The all hay price, at \$169 per ton, is up \$28.00 from April and up \$53.00 from last May. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$186.00 per ton, and all other hay at \$112.00 per ton. April hay prices for the U.S. were \$141.00 for all hay, \$155.00 for alfalfa hay, and \$103.00 for all other hay.

Winter Wheat Production Down 4 Percent from 2010

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.42 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2010. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 32.0 million acres, up 1 percent from last year. Based on May 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 44.5 bushels per acre, down 2.3 bushels from last year. Hard Red Winter, at 762 million bushels, is down 25 percent from 2010. Soft Red Winter, at 427 million bushels, is up 80 percent from last year. White Winter is up 3 percent from last year and totals 235 million bushels. Of this total, 11.7 million bushels are Hard White and 224 million bushels are Soft White.

Pasture and Range

Pasture and Range Crop Condition, Percent Rating Good or Better
Week Ending May 29, 2011



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